management functions replacing the present un-coordinated efforts of many ministries (Defence, Home, Health and Family Welfare; and

(c) if so, Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY): (a) The Tsunami had hit the coastal areas of Tamil Nadu, Kerala, Andhra Pradesh, Pondicherry and Andman & Nicobar Islands on 26th December, 2004 for the first time in India. Despite this, the Government effectively responded to it by quickly mobilizing its resources. A Tsunami early warning system is being put in place. The Government has undertaken several mitigation and preparedness measures to enhance the capabilities for emergency response to deal more effectively with natural calamities.

(b) and (c) Disaster management mandates a multi-disciplinary and multisectoral approach and calls for coordinated action drawing upon the resources and skills of various Ministries/Departments/Organizations and other stakeholders at Central, State and District level in their respective areas of responsibility. The nodal responsibility for monitoring and coordinating response rests with the Ministry of Home Affairs. The Government has also decided to set up a National Disaster Management Authority and enact a central law on disaster manangement for putting in place institutional and coordination mechanism for responding to disasters more effectively. There is no proposal to set up a separate Ministry of Disaster Management at present.

National Emergency Managemement Authority (NEMA)

3609. SHRI K. B. KRISHNA MURTHY:
SHRI HARISH RAWAT:
SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:
SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the reasons for not setting up a National Emergency Management Authority (NEMA) and building up specialized capabilities for rapid intervention in cases of disasters;

(b) the measures taken/ proposed to be taken to combat disasters in the absence of NEMA; and

(c) the details of the disasters faced by the country during the last three years together with details of loss of lives and property?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY): (a) The Government has decided to set up a National Disaster Management Authority and initiated action to build up specialized capabilities for rapid intervention in case of disasters.

(b) A number of measures have been initiated by the Government to effectively respond to disasters. These include regular monitoring of the situtation; coordination and review of response and relief at various levels; issue of early warnings; and strengthening the preparedness by taking up training and equipping of specialist response teams drawn from Central Para Military Forces. The mitigation measures taken include training and orientation of members of All India Services, other Government functionaries and representatives of Panchayati Raj Institutions etc for disaster management; building up the capabilities of engineers and architects through training in hazard resistant design and construction of buildings, promoting awareness generation, incorporating the subject in school education as well as in the engineering and architecture curricula at under-graduate level; strengthening the institutional mechanisms for human resource development in the field disaster management etc.

(c) The country has experienced recurrent heavy rains and floods, cyclonic storms, landslides, hailstoms, heavy snowfall, avalanches and Tsunami of varying magnitude during the last three years. Based on the information received from the affected State/UTs, details of the human lives lost and damage to property as a result of these disasters are given below:—

Sl.No.	Details	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05
1.	Human lives Lost (No.)	835	1992	12,551
2.	Cattle lost (No.)	3729	25,393	47,994
3.	House damaged (No.)	4,58,048	6,82,209	18,71,111
4.	Cropped areas damaged(lakh ha.)	12.58	31.98	102.272
5.	Fishermen's boats (No.)	-	-	83.788

FIRs against Political Leaders during Assembly Elections

3610. SHRI SURESH BHARDWAJ: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the FIRs registered against Political Leaders and others for violating various election related laws during recent elections held for Legislative Assemblies of Bihar, Haryana and Jharkhand alongwith identity of persons named as accused in these cases;